

FIRST SELECTMAN HERBST ANNOUNCES CIVILITY SERIES IN THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL

**Series will commence in September and go through October
covering different subjects in our society**

June 2, 2015 - - First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst announced on Tuesday the establishment of a Civility Series in the Town of Trumbull for the months of September and October. Over the course of five Sundays, the Civility Series we will cover the following topics: Civility in Public Safety, Civility in the Law, Civility in Politics, Civility in Sports and Civility in the Media. The civility series will include guest panelists from across Connecticut and the nation.

“At a time when there is civil unrest in the United States and at times a lack of respect and civility in our society, I have made the decision to partner with local universities and corporate sponsors to host a civility series for the Town of Trumbull and the Greater Bridgeport region,” stated First Selectman Herbst. “I am pleased that Todd Piro of NBC Connecticut is one of many journalists that will be moderating the series. I am also pleased to be inviting many panelists from across Connecticut and the nation to participate in this series.” First Selectman Herbst said he got the idea of a civility series from former Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia. Herbst’s Chief of Staff, Lynn Arnou previously worked for Pavia.

Herbst also gave a preview of his commencement address to the Trumbull High School Class of 2015 that will focus on civility. Similar to his address to the St. Joseph High School Class of 2015, Herbst intends to talk about the dangers of social media and the importance of civility. “In this every changing society, where we conduct too much of our life’s work through the flip of a switch or the touch of the button, civility becomes even more important. As of late, our way of life, our society, our political discourse, simple human interaction has become too uncivil,” stated First Selectman Herbst. “There exists a civil unrest in many parts of our country between police officers and civilians. There is a pure lack of civility among our elected leaders at all levels of government. Political campaigns today are conducted in a completely uncivil manner. Social media can at times be incredibly uncivil. We have a moral obligation to right this ship and restore civility to different aspects of our daily life.” The First Selectman also indicated that he plans to collaborate with the Trumbull Public Schools in promoting the civility series this fall.

The First Selectman indicated that the schedule and details for the entire series would be made available to the general public in August.